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Dear Air Board:

Back when this area was open and uncluttered, I made it my home. In the more than 50 years since, I have watched as the area has become more and more overdeveloped. It is so sad to see how much of the beauty has been ripped away to create more housing and roads to carry the large numbers of people who continually move to the area. It is interesting that as we seek new sources of power to supply all of the new faces, we are failing to maintain what we already have. I am speaking directly of the desire of some people to close the Potomac River Generating Station.

In the mornings, before everyone is awake and on the move, the sewer system runs quite smoothly. However, as the day wears on, you can actually see it become more sluggish. This is a direct result of the burden on the system. As we need more and more resources to accommodate the growing population, the last thing we need to do is remove any of those resources. With Mirant offering to fund the upgrades that will go a long way in keeping our air quality safe, I would think we would jump on that offer. I do not see a good reason for hesitating on the permit.

The power plant is safely providing a reliable source of power in our area. To do anything to reduce or end that supply would certainly not promote our energy health. We need to carefully consider the importance of the plant, and permit the improvements that have been proposed.

Thanks, Lorgia Woods
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